

House of Correction for Thiebes, Vagabonds, &c. 269



# Acts and Laws

Passed by the General Court, or Assembly of His Majesty's *English* Colony of *Connecticut* in *New England* in *America*: Begun, and Held at *Hartford*, on the Second Thursday of *May*, in the Twenty Sixth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord *GEORGE the Second*, of *Great Britain*, &c. KING. *Annoque Domini*, 1753.

An Act in Addition to the Law of this Colony, Entituled, An Act for Restraining, Correcting, Suppressing, and Punishing Rogues, Vagabonds, Common Beggars, and other Lewd, Idle, Dissolute, Profane, and Disorderly Persons; and for setting them to Work: And for the more Effectual Preventing, and Punishment of Theft.

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**B**E it Enacted by the Governour, Council, and Representatives, in General Court Assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the several County Courts in each of the Counties in this Colony, shall, and they are hereby Directed, and Required forthwith to Erect, Build, or otherways Provide a Fit, and Convenient House, or Houses of Correction, for the Purposes in said Act mentioned, in their Respective Counties, aforesaid; and Transmit to this Assembly from Time to Time an Account of their Proceedings therein, until such House, or Houses shall be Finished: Unless in any County there be such an House, or Houses already Provided; in which Case the County Court of that County are Required forthwith to put the same in good Repair, and Order, and Transmit the Accompt thereof to this Assembly, as aforesaid.

County Courts to Order that forthwith be Erected a fit & convenient house of Correction in their respective Counties: Unless in any County there be such an house already Built.



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*And the better to Enable the said County Courts to do the same.*

County Courts  
to Assess the  
Inhabitants  
for building  
an house of  
Correction.

Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said County Courts be, and they Respectively are hereby fully Authorized, and Impowred to Assess, and Tax the Inhabitants of the County to which the Court belongs, in such Sum, or Sums as the Court shall judge Needful for the Purpose aforesaid.

Collectors to  
be appointed  
to collect said  
Assessments.

And for the Collecting such Tax, or Assessment to appoint Collector, or Collectors, and them to Authorize, and Impower by Warrant, or Warrants of Distress, Signed by the Clerk of said Court: Which Collectors shall have the same Authority, and be under the same Regulations, and Penalties as other Collectors by the Laws of this Government have, and are Subject unto.

And appoint  
two Overseers  
and a Master  
for said house

And the said County Courts in their Respective Counties, shall not only appoint a Master, of such House, or Houses according to said Law; but shall also appoint two Overseers of such House, or Houses to take Care, and Provide Materials for all Persons Committed therein, to Work with, and upon: For which they shall be Paid out of the County Treasury; and the same shall be Drawn in, and Repaid to such Treasury according to the Direction, and Provision made in the Law, aforesaid: Which Overseers shall Render their Account to the County Court from Time to Time, and shall Receive for their Service such Reward as that Court shall judge to be Just, and Reasonable, and Allow them to have.

Two Counties  
may build one  
such house

Always Provided, That the County Courts of any Two Counties may, and are hereby Impowred to Agree together to Build One House of Correction, if the same may be Convenient for both Counties; and to Proceed therein in such Form, Manner, and Proportion as they shall Agree: And each County Court to Tax their Respective Counties, as aforesaid.

Power, &c. of  
each County  
to be Equal

And the Authority of that County wherein such House happens not to be, shall have as full Power, and Authority to Send, and Commit any Person, or Persons to such House, as the said Authority would by Law have, were the said House within the County to which they belong.

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Thieves to be  
sent to said  
house of Cor-  
rection by an  
Assistant, or  
Justice of the  
Peace

Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in Addition to the Punishment for Theft already by Law provided; if the Conviction for Theft be before an Assistant, or Justice of the Peace, the Person Convicted shall be Sentenced, and accordingly Committed by such Authority to the Work-House, or House of Correction, there to be Kept to hard Labour; on the First Conviction not less than One Month, and not exceeding Three Months: On the Second Conviction, not less than Three Months, and not more than Six: And on the Third Conviction, not less than One Year, and not more than Three Years.

or by said  
County Court

And in Case the Conviction for Theft shall be before the County Court, the Person Convicted shall by said Court be Sentenced, and Committed to the House of Correction, to Labour, as aforesaid; for the First Offence, at least Six Months; and so for a longer Time, as the Court before whom the Conviction shall be shall Judge Proper, and Determine; having Respect to the Circumstances, and Aggravations of the Offence, and the Number of Convictions had.



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Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Charge of Prosecuting Persons for Theft, upon their Conviction before the County Court shall be Answered, and Paid out of the County Treasury of that County wherein the Prosecution, and Conviction shall be: And that for Refunding the same, One Half of the Treble Damages Recovered of the Person Convicted shall be, and belong to the said County Treasury, and be Paid therein accordingly: And in Case the Earnings of such Convicted Persons Labour in the Work-House, clear of all lawful Deductions, be not sufficient to pay the Charge of his Prosecution, and the said Treble Damages; and he hath no Estate to Satisfy the same, he shall be Disposed of in Service to Answer the same, or the Remainder thereof, according as the Law hath before Provided, and Directed in such Cases.

Charge of Prosecuting for Theft, to be answer'd and paid by the County

How Refunded

Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Person, or Persons Receiving, and Concealing Stolen Goods, knowing them to be such, shall, and may be Proceeded against as Principals, although the Person, or Persons who committed the Theft be not thereof Convicted; any Law, Usage, or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Persons receiving & concealing stolen goods, to be prosecuted as Principals

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person, or Persons committed to the House of Correction, shall Unlawfully Abscond, or shall make his Escape therefrom, or Depart without the License of the Master of said House, they shall, on being Returned to said House again, be Corrected by Whipping on the Naked Body, not exceeding Thirty Stripes for One Offence; and so Toties Quoties: Which Corrections the Master shall from Time to Time be careful to see duly Performed.

Persons making their escape from an house of Correction, to be Whipped on being returned thither

An Act Relating to Goats.

Be it Enacted by the Governour, Council, and Representatives, in General Court Assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the Fees for Impounding Goats shall be for each Goat Two-pence.




Fee of 2 d. for impounding Goats

And it is further Enacted, That all Goats in any Town in this Colony being found out of the Inclosure of the Owner, or Owners of such Goats, may be lawfully Impounded; and the Owner, or Owners of such Goats so Impounded, shall pay Poundage, and Damages: And the Damages done by such Goats, whether within Inclosures, or not, shall be Determined in the same Manner as Damages done by other Creatures are, when Impounded from Inclosures Lawfully Fenced: Unless any Town shall Agree, and Order otherwise in their own Precincts.

The Owners to pay Poundage & Damages

An Act for appointing the Brand for Horses, in the Towns of Suffield, Enfield, and Somers.

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It is Ordered, and Enacted by this Court, That the Brand for Horses for the Town of Suffield, shall be the following Letters in this Form,  And for the Town of Enfield, the Letter  And for the Town of Somers, the Figure following 

Brands for Horses in Suffield, Enfield, and Somers

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